

Ho, Nancy

From: J. D. McMullen <jdm@jomlawfirm.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 1:17 AM
To: Ho, Nancy
Subject: Re: FOIA Request: EPA-R6-2017-003828

Hey Nancy – Thank you so much for getting back to me, and I apologize for just now getting back to you as I have been out of the office. I am committed to paying the minimum of \$25, and up to \$200, but may be willing to pay more depending on the estimate total above that number, so please don't hesitate to contact me if it looks like the associated costs will exceed \$200. Also, for now I am only interested in public records. Lastly, I can narrow down the list of sites originally sent to the list below:

Alcoa Plant, Point Comfort, TX
American Chrome & Chemical Plant, Corpus Christi, TX
Arco Refinery, Corpus Christi, TX
Asarco Plant, Corpus, Christi, TX
Celanese Plant, Bishop, TX
Champlin Refinery, a/k/a Pontiac Refinery, Corpus Christi, TX
Coastal Refinery, Corpus Christi, TX
Hess Oil Refinery, a/k/a Amerada Hess Refinery, Corpus Christi, TX
Koch Refinery, Corpus Christi, TX
PPG Plant, Corpus Christi, TX
Reynolds Metals Company - San Patricio Plant, Gregory, TX
Reynolds Metals Company - Sherwin Plant, Gregory, TX
Suntide Refinery, Corpus Christi, TX
Southwestern Refining Company Refinery, a/k/a Kerr-McGee Refinery, Corpus Christi, TX
United Carbon Plant, a/k/a Ashland Chemical Plant, Aransas Pass, TX

I hope that helps, and please let me know if you need any other information. I can also get on a phone call if you think it would help. Appreciate your time and effort.

-JD

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From: "Ho, Nancy" <Ho.Nancy@epa.gov>
Date: Friday, February 10, 2017 at 5:14 PM
To: "J. D. McMullen" <jdm@jomlawfirm.com>
Subject: FOIA Request: EPA-R6-2017-003828

This message was also sent via FOIAOnline.

Dear Mr. McMullen:

The EPA Region 6 office has received your FOIA Request in which you requested all records related to the presence, installation, manipulation, and/or removal of any asbestos-containing insulation products, and/or exposure levels generated from any asbestos-containing insulation products, from January 1, 1973 until Dec. 31, 2000 at any of the industrial sites listed. See attached letter for more details. However, it is currently incomplete and requires additional information before it can be processed.

Please contact me at ho.nancy@epa.gov to let me know of your decisions on an agreement to a fee commitment. We cannot process your FOIA without an initial fee commitment agreement. No payment is needed to initiate your FOIA request; we only need an agreement to a fee commitment.

The minimum associated administrative fee for processing FOIA requests is \$25.00. In order to begin processing your request we will need clarification of your approval of a fee commitment in a described amount of dollars. Please specify the dollar amount (e.g, \$300, \$200, or other specified dollar amount) that your firm is willing to pay for the administrative costs for obtaining the information. Please know that EPA will contact you for your approval if the search is expected to exceed your specified amount.

You may wish to provide a preliminary fee commitment agreement of at least \$250.00 based on the depth and extent of the information requested. (This is a rough estimate and it may be more or less than this amount by the time your FOIA request is completed). The amount your firm agrees to for a fee commitment is at your discretion. Please contact me at ho.nancy@epa.gov to let me know of your decisions on an agreement to a fee commitment.

In addition, it would be helpful if you could also **provide your decisions on whether you would like a denial log of confidential business information (CBI) records or if would you like the publicly available records only, and furthermore, if you are in agreement to rolling responses from EPA as information of records are identified/processed.** If you can answer these questions, we can better search for the records that meets your needs.

Sincerely,
Nancy Ho
EPA Region 6 FOIA Team

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